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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SHAH ON VISIT OF GENERAL ZIA

1. SHAH TOLD ME SEPT 10 THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH
GENERAL ZIA AL HAQ HAD GONE REASONABLY WELL. HE SAID
ZIA HAD REPORTED FROM HIS VISIT TO KABUL, THAT HE WAS
CONVINCED AFGHANISTAN HAD GONE IRRETRIEVABLY COMMUNIST.
HE SAID HE AND ZIA BOTH AGREED THAT SOVIETS WOULD NEVER
LET COUNTRY OUT OF THEIR GRIP.

2. THEY HAD ALSO SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME DISCUSSING
HTE MECHANICS OF MARTIAL LAW. HE SAID ZIA HAD SOME
GOOD ADVICE ON WAYS OF MAINTAINING CROWD CONTROL
WITHOUT CAUSING FATALITIES. SHAH SEEMED PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN OBTAINING RUBBER BULLETS AND OTHER

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SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD JAPANESE
MANUFACTURED.

3. THERE WAS ALSO CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ON PAKISTAN
POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO CENTO. HE SAID HE TOLD ZIA
THAT CONTINUING PAKISTAN MEMBERSHIP WAS A MATTER FOR
PAKISTAN GOVT TO DECIDE. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT SYMOBLISM

OF PAKISTANI WITHDRAWAL AT THIS TIME WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE.
(IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT CHINESE ARE GIVING
PAKISTANIS THE SAME ADVISE, BUT MORE VEHEMENTLY.)

4. SHAH SAID THAT HE WAS ESPECIALLY TROUBLED THAT SOME
OF ZIA'S ADVISERS WERE SUGGESTING THAT A GESTURE OF
WITHDRAWAL FROM CENTO WOULD IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE
SOVIETS. HE SAID ZIA POINTED OUT THAT PAKISTANI AIR-
LINES COULD NOT EVEN FLY TO MOSCOW. SHAH REJOINED BY
STATING THAT IRAN AIR FLIES REGULARLY TO MOSCOW WHILE
IRAN REMAINS A STEADFAST MEMBER OF CENTO.

5. IN AN ASIDE, SHAH SAID THAT HE THOUGHT AGHA SHAHI
WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE BAD ADVICE ZIA WAS
GETTING ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE DESCRIBED HIM AS "SOME
STRANGE KIND OF FISH."
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